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For: ELIMINATING REDUNDANCIES IN INFORMATION  
RETRIEVAL DEVICE AND SERVICE  
Group: 2165  
Examiner: N. Abel Jalil

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF OFFICE ACTION  
AND CONSIDERATION OF PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

The Applicants have received an Office Action dated October 28, 2005 from the Examiner of the application identified above. The Applicants request withdrawal of the Office Action in view of the Preliminary Amendment filed on the same day that the Office Action was mailed (October 28, 2005).

On July 28, 2005, the Applicants filed a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Together with the RCE, the Applicants requested a suspension of action for a period of three months. On October 28, 2005, the last day of the three-month period of suspension, the Applicants filed a Preliminary Amendment via facsimile. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment is enclosed with a copy of the Auto Reply Facsimile Transmission indicating that the Preliminary Amendment was received.

Accordingly, the Applicants request withdrawal of the Office Action as being issued during a time of suspension. As well, the Applicants request withdrawal of the Office in view of the Preliminary Amendment which was filed on the same day the Office Action was mailed, and thus entitled to consideration before issuance of an Office Action on the merits.

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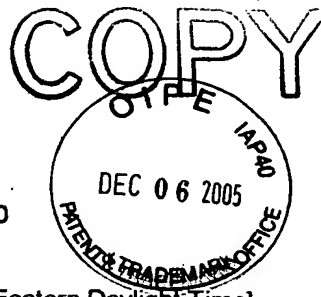
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Before continued examination on the merits, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.